

OFFICE OF REPORTS AND ESTIMATES

SPECIAL STAFF

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SUBJECT: Projects of Which the Special Staff is Currently Seized.

1. Estimate of whether North Koreans will shortly hold a national election in overrun territory, thus presenting the UN with the accomplished fact of a "unified Communist Korea." (For the Interdepartmental Foreign Information Staff.) ✓

Status: D/FE to have draft for Staff review by noon, Wednesday, 9 August.

2. Analysis of various courses of action open to the USSR in Korea. (For the NSC Staff.)

Status: Deferred pending check with Mr. Montague to ascertain whether Malik's return to UN in any way altered NSC Staff's terms of reference for project.

3. Estimate of world reaction, particularly NATO, to a decision by the US to initiate atomic war against the USSR as a result of continued Soviet indirect aggression:

- (a) With no prior consultation.
- (b) After prior consultation with NATO.

Status: Preliminary version unsupported by evidence tabled. Divisions to be requested for evidence and estimate of reaction on a country by country basis.

4. Estimate of Soviet actions as revealed by Malik's conduct in the UN.

Status: D/In proceeding with draft so the Special Staff can have a paper for its consideration on a moment's notice. Presently it is not felt much more can be said on subject than has already been.

5. Estimate of relations between the USSR and the People's Republic of China. To what extent can Chinese action be regarded as part of Soviet policy?

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Status: Special Staff Working Group [redacted] has consulted with D/FE to get materials required for preparation of Staff draft.

6. Re-evaluation and analysis of evidence that the USSR is or is not preparing for major hostilities (offensive or defensive) in 1950. (U)

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Status: Project assigned to D/Ga, supported by OSI, D/Tr, D/Lc. Staff Working Group: [redacted]. Preliminary: [redacted] D/GI to Working Group by noon Monday, 14 August.